

CANNOCK RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

SANITARY INSPECTOR

for the year

1950.

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CANNOCK RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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Joan Lockley, (from 24th April, 1950.)

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee of the Cannock Rural District Council.

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1950 on the health and sanitary conditions of the district; the Chief Sanitary Inspector's report is included.

As in the previous two years, the death rate was slightly lower than that of the country as a whole, being 10.06 per 1,000 as against 11.6 per 1,000, and the birth rate higher, being 17.44 per 1,000 as against 15.8 per 1,000 for England & Wales.

Cases of Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough and Measles were all less than in 1949 - 19 as against 65, 52 as against 80, and 102 as against 388.

There was only one case of Diphtheria - this child who had been immunised made a satisfactory recovery. In view of the striking reduction in the incidence of Diphtheria throughout the country as the result of the widespread immunisation against the disease which has been conducted over the last ten years, it is imperative that the immunisation figures should be maintained. In 1950 for the first time the number of primary immunisations in the country sharply declined, especially during the second half of the year, the period in which poliomyelitis is most apt to occur. Fortunately there was no such decline locally, I am informed. When there is an epidemic of poliomyelitis; it is advised that tonsil and adenoid operations and immunisations, particularly the combined protection against Whooping Cough and Diphtheria, should be avoided as there appears some reason to believe that cases of poliomyelitis which have had minor operations of that sort in the immediate past may be more liable to develop the paralytic form of poliomyelitis. It would appear that immunisation against diphtheria might best be concentrated largely in the period when poliomyelitis is less apt to occur, i.e. from November/December till May/June.

I would like to express my thanks to you, Mr. Chairman, and to the members of the Public Health Committee for their helpfulness and co-operation throughout the year.

As in previous years I must record the loyalty and efficiency of the Staff of the Public Health Department.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

Duncan T. McAinsh.

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

8th August, 1951.

Statistics of the Area.

Area (in acres) 55, 256 - unchanged.

Registrar-General's estimate of the resident population 24,250.

Number of houses completed for habitation in the year ending 31st March, 1951 = 59.

Rateable Value as at 31.3.51. £105,208, and a penny rate produces £415.

BIRTHS.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Total Live Births.	211.	212.	423.
Legitimate.	199.	203.	402.
Illegitimate.	12.	9.	21.
Total Stillbirths.	6.	3.	9.
Legitimate.	5.	3.	8.
Illegitimate.	1.	-	-

Birth Rate per 1,000 population for the district 17.44.

Birth Rate per 1,000 population for England and Wales 15.8.

Stillbirths 20.83 per 1,000 total (live & still) Births.

Stillbirth rate .37 per 1,000 population.

Stillbirth rate England and Wales 0.37 per 1,000 population.

DEATHS.

Total 244. Male 125. Female 119.

Local Adjusted Death Rate 10.06 per 1,000 population.

Death Rate for England and Wales 11.6 per 1,000 population.

The Maternal Mortality Rate for the country was .86 per 1,000 total Births (live and still).

The Maternal Mortality Rate for the district was nil.

The main causes of Death over the past four years were:-

	<u>1950.</u>	<u>1949.</u>	<u>1948.</u>	<u>1947.</u>
Diseases of Heart & Circulation.	99.	103.	84.	76.
Respiratory Diseases.....	21.	24.	33.	23.
Malignant Disease.....	43.	32.	39.	28.
Violence, including suicide.....	9.	8.	11.	9.
Malformation & Premature Births.	2.	7.	10.	11.
Tuberculosis.....	10.	7.	10.	6.

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER
ONE YEAR OF AGE.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age = 23.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All Infants per 1,000 live births..... 54.37

Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births..... 57.21

Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births. Nil.

Deaths from Measles (all ages)..... Nil.

" " Whooping Cough (all ages). 1.

" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years). Nil.

INCIDENCE OF SCARLET FEVER, DIPHTHERIA
AND PNEUMONIA DURING THE TEN YEARS
1941 - 1950.

	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Pneumonia.
1941.	67.	26.	26.
1942.	80.	40.	32.
1943.	87.	29.	41.
1944.	39.	31.	26.
1945.	28.	29.	14.
1946.	22.	11.	25.
1947.	58.	5.	24.
1948.	99.	2.	12.
1949.	65.	2.	18.
1950.	19.	1.	7.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS
DURING THE YEAR 1950.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Smallpox.....	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.....	19.	9.	-
Diphtheria.....	1.	1.	-
Fuerperal Pyrexia....	1.	1.	-
Erysipelas.....	1.	-	-
Pneumonia.....	7.	1.	7.
Meningitis.....	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever....	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis..	2.	2.	-
Sonne Dysentery.....	2.	-	-
Whooping Cough.....	52.	1.	1.
Measles.....	102.	1.	-

TUBERCULOSIS YEAR 1950.

	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 to 1 year.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 and upwards.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
5 " ".....	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
10 " ".....	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
15 " ".....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 " ".....	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 " ".....	1	1	1	-	1	2	1	-
35 " ".....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 " ".....	4	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
55 " ".....	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 " ".....	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
TOTALS..	9	2	2	1	6	2	1	1

DISTRIBUTION OF INFECTIOUS CASES
IN
CANNOCK RURAL DISTRICT.

PARISH.	DIPHTHERIA.	SCARLET FEVER.	MEASLES.	WHOOPING COUGH.
Brewood.	-	1.	1.	-
Cheslyn Hay.	1.	2.	-	9.
Shareshill.	-	-	9.	3.
Essington.	-	3.	12.	14.
Featherstone.	-	-	3.	4.
Great Wyrley.	-	7.	3.	8.
Huntington.	-	2.	13.	3.
Penkridge.	-	-	57.	1.
Hatherton.	-	1.	-	1.
Dunston.	-	3.	3.	9.
Hilton.	-	-	1.	-
TOTALS.	1.	19.	102.	52.

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S SHORT LIST
OF CAUSES OF DEATH.

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.....	6.	4.	2.
Other forms of Tuberculosis.....	4.	3.	1.
Syphilitic Disease.....	-	-	-
Diphtheria.....	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.....	1.	-	1.
Meningococcal infections.....	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	-	-
Measles.....	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	3.	2.	1.
Malignant neoplasm stomach.....	9.	6.	3.
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus....	4.	4.	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast.....	8.	1.	7.
Malignant neoplasm, uterus.....	1.	-	1.
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.	21.	11.	10.
Leukaemia, aleukaemia.....	1.	-	1.
Diabetes.....	3.	-	3.
Vascular lesions of nervous system....	36.	12.	24.
Coronary disease, angina.....	19.	12.	7.
Hypertension with heart disease.....	7.	3.	4.
Other heart disease.....	31.	14.	17.
Other circulatory disease.....	6.	3.	3.
Influenza.....	1.	-	1.
Pneumonia.....	7.	4.	3.
Bronchitis.....	10.	6.	4.
Other diseases of respiratory system..	3.	3.	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.....	2.	-	2.
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea....	2.	1.	1.
Nephritis and nephrosis.....	4.	1.	3.
Hyperplasia of prostate.....	2.	2.	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.....	-	-	-
Congenital malformations.....	2.	1.	1.
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	42.	23.	19.
Motor Vehicle accidents.....	4.	4.	-
All other accidents.....	4.	4.	-
Suicide.....	-	-	-
Homicide and operations of war.....	1.	1.	-
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TOTALS.	244.	125.	119.
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ANTE-NATAL CLINICS AND WELFARE CLINICS
IN CANNOCK RURAL DISTRICT.

These clinics are under the arrangement of Staffordshire County Council.

Child Welfare Clinics.

Featherstone	- held weekly.	Average attendance per month = 145.
Brewood	- held fort-	" " " " = 60.
	nightly,	
Coven	- " "	" " " " = 37.
Cheslyn Hay	- " "	" " " " = 49.
Essington	- " "	" " " " = 51.
Gt. Wyrley	- " "	" " " " = 82.
Huntington	- " "	" " " " = 41.
Wheaton Aston	- " "	" " " " = 37.
Penkridge	- " "	" " " " = 30.

Ante-Natal Clinics.

Featherstone	- " "	" " " " = 33.
Gt. Wyrley	- " "	" " " " = 23.
Huntington	- " "	" " " " = 8.

There is an Ante-Natal Clinic held fortnightly at Penkridge.

REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

Summary of Inspections and Work done during 1950.

Number of houses inspected for repairs.....	1,504.
Re-inspections, calls etc.....	1,273.
Slaughterhouse licences renewed.....	14.
Meat and Food inspections.....	91.
Cowsheds and Dairies inspected.....	28.
Petrol licences renewed.....	67.
New petrol licences granted.....	9.
Drainage work examined.....	230.
Cases of Infectious Disease investigated.....	23.
Cases of Infectious Disease removed.....	10.
Houses disinfected after Infectious cases.....	27.
Reports of infectious cases to M.O.H. (excluding T.B.)..	187.
New licences, Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.....	Nil.
Renewal licences, Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.....	44.
Informal Notices issued.....	93.
(Affecting 117 houses) ..	
Statutory Notices issued.....	6.
Number of Privies or closets other than water closets converted to water closets..	4.
Water samples taken.....Chemical.....	20.
Bacteriological.....	20.
Moveable Dwelling licences issued.....	96.
Visits re Moveable Dwellings.....	141.
Visits re Refuse matters.....	172.

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY.

The Housing Survey progressed throughout the year.

Of the houses inspected during the year 1 house was considered to be totally unfit for habitation.

The results of the survey are as follows:-

Classification.

The houses are placed in classes which correspond broadly to those provided for under the Housing Acts, namely:-

1. Satisfactory in all respects.....	255.
2. Minor Defects.....	431.
3. Repair, structural alteration or improvement.....	668.
4. Reconditioning.....	2.
5. Demolition.....	1.

Total 1,357.

Informal
Notices.

Some 93 Informal Notices have been served affecting some 117 houses, these are served mainly on Class 2 and 3 houses requiring urgent repairs to be carried out, and on Class 4 and 5 only to maintain them in a weatherproof condition.

Overcrowding.

The survey revealed that in 2 cases the number of people occupying a house is in excess of the permitted number.

It should be noted that figures quoted in this report refer only to the year 1950.

SPECIAL MILK LICENCES.

Food and Drugs Acts, 1938/44.
Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949.

	<u>Pasteurised.</u>	<u>Tuberculin Tested.</u>	<u>Sterilised.</u>
Supplementary Milk Licences.	4.	3.	4.
Dealers Licences.	7.	5.	5.
Pasteurisers Licences.	-	-	-

ANTHRAX.

During the year 10 suspected cases of Anthrax were reported compared with 1 case of Anthrax and 11 suspected cases in the previous year.

WATER SUPPLY.

The chief water supplies in the district remain the same and are obtained from the South Staffordshire Water Works Company and the Wolverhampton Corporation who supply Cheslyn Hay, Great Wyrley, Huntington, Hatherton, Penkridge, and the larger portions of the parishes of Brewood, Stretton, Essington, Shareshill, Featherstone, Hilton, Lapley, Wheaton Aston and Saredon. The Stafford Corporation supplies Coppenhall and Dunston.

Various samples have been taken during the year as under:-

20 Chemical and 20 Bacteriological samples were taken from private wells in the area as a check on private supplies in case of doubt or suspicion.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

During the year Public Cleansing by direct labour was continued in the parishes of Brewood, Penkridge, Stretton, Huntington, Acton Trussell, Bednall, Lapley and the villages of Weston-under-Lizard, Brineton, Blymhill, Coppenhall, Great Wyrley, Essington, Shareshill, Saredon, Hilton, Featherstone, Hatherton and Cheslyn Hay.

CESSPOOLS.

The emptying of Cesspools continued by direct labour in the parishes of Brewood, Cheslyn Hay, Great Wyrley, Saredon, Essington, Huntington, Featherstone, Hilton, Shareshill and Penkridge.

PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICES.

Services Undertaken.

PARISH.	ASHES.	PANS.	PRIVIES.	CESSPOOLS.
Brewood.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
Great Wyrley.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
Cheslyn Hay.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
Hatherton.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
Saredon.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
Featherstone.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
Stretton.	Yes.	-	-	Yes.
Huntington.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
Hilton.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
Essington.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
Acton & Bednall.	Yes.	Yes.	-	-
Coppenhall.	Yes.	-	-	-
Blymhill.	Yes.	-	-	-
Teddesley.	Yes.	-	-	-
Weston-under-Lizard.	Yes.	-	-	-
Shareshill.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
Penkridge.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
Lapley.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	-
Dunston.	Yes.	-	-	-

EQUIPMENT AND STAFF.

5 covered motor lorries.
 2 cesspool emptiers.
 1 motor van.
 Staff. Normally 28.

